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IN MYOCARDIAL METABOLISM (03.0103)

1. THREE MAN US DELEGATION IN MYOCARDIAL METABOLISM
PROJECT (DRS. JOEL HARDMAN, JOHN GERGELY, AND EDMOND
FISCHER) RECENTLY COMPLETED USEFUL TEN DAY PROGRAM OF
LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, AND
VILNIUS. IN MOSCOW DELEGATION VISITED AND
LECTURED AT ALL UNION INSTITUTE FOR CARDIOLOGY, INSTITUTE
OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, AND MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY. IN
LENINGRAD THEY TOURED AND LECTURED AT LENINGRAD STATE
UNIVERSITY AND INSTITUTE OF CYTOLOGY. IN VILNIUS THEY
VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF VILNIUS. DELEGATION MET DEPUTY
MINISTER OF HEALTH CHAZOV, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OVCHINNIKOV, AND ACADEMICIAN ENGEL'-
HARDT.

2. IN MOSCOW, AND TO A LESSER DEGREE IN LENINGRAD, US
DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THEIR
MEETINGS WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF BRIGHT, YOUNG SCIENTISTS
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WHO ARE WELL-READ IN US TECHNICAL LITERATURE. US DELE-
GATION MEMBERS HOPE TO SET UP ON-GOING COOPERATIVE PROJECT
TO STUDY REGULATION OF CELLS. SOVIETS SAID THEY PLAN TO
SYNTHESIZE SERIES OF ENZYMES FOR JOINT STUDY IN THE US AND
THE USSR. ONE DELEGATION MEMBER NOTED A DRAMATIC INCREASE
IN THE QUALITY OF SOVIET RESEARCH IN THIS AREA SINCE HIS
LAST VISIT HERE IN 1975. THE US DELEGATION MEMBERS

ATTRIBUTED THIS IMPROVEMENT LARGELY TO THE JOINT WORK WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER THE US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT. PROGRAM IN VILNIUS WAS LESS SUBSTANTIVE, LARGELY LIMITED TO A MEETING IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY RECTOR.

3. ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT WAS UNIVERSALLY HOSPITABLE AND BUSINESSLIKE, AND IN SPITE OF LARGE VOLUME OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA NOW APPEARING IN SOVIET MEDIA, SOVIETS NEVER RAISED POLITICAL QUESTIONS. TOON

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